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School of Technology, Associate Degrees*

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Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" *Elgar*
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Invocation *Dr. Glenn Coltharp*
Dean, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University

Welcome and Introductions. *Dr. Bruce W. Speck*
President, Missouri Southern State University

Commencement Speaker *Mr. Bill Gipson*
President & Chief Executive Officer of The Empire District Electric Company

Presentation of Class *Dr. AJ Anglin*
Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University

Conferring of Graduate Degrees *Dr. Bruce W. Speck*

Master's Hooding. *Dr. Chris McGowan*
Graduate Dean, Dean of Arts and Sciences
Southeast Missouri State University

Presentation of Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees

Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degrees *Dr. Bruce W. Speck*
Presentation of Diplomas

Introduction of Degree Candidates *Mr. Jeff Skibbe*
General Manager, 88.7KXMS/Fine Arts Radio International, Missouri Southern State University

Congratulatory Remarks *Dr. Cheryl Cifelli*
President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University

Announcement of Academic Honors *Dr. AJ Anglin*

Turning of the Tassel. *Mr. Will Roderique, '91*
President, Missouri Southern Alumni Association Board of Directors

MSSU Alma Mater (See page 13) *Ms. Charlene Smith*
Senior BA vocal music, Carthage

Benediction *Dr. Glenn Coltharp*

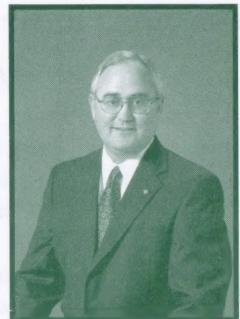
Recessional "Sine Nomine" *R.V. Williams & E. Rosenberg*
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Sign Language Interpreter *Mrs. Mary Zustiak*

Please remain standing until recessional is completed. • Please turn off all beepers/cell phones

Mr. Bill Gipson
Commencement Speaker

Mr. Bill Gipson, President & Chief Executive Officer of The Empire District Electric Company has served for 30 years at Empire District Electric Company. Earlier this year, he announced his intention to retire.



This May, Mr. Gipson was named "Outstanding Citizen" by the Joplin Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Gipson began working for the company in 1981 in the Information Technology Department. In 1987 he was promoted to Manager of Economic Development and in 1995 to Director of Commercial Operations. In 1997 he was named General Manager of Commercial Operations. Later that year he was elected Vice President of Commercial Operations. In 2001, Gipson was named Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

He was elected to the Board of Directors in 2002 and as President and CEO later that year.

"Bill Gipson has successfully led the company through a challenging time," said D. Randy Laney, chairman of Empire's Board of Directors. "During his leadership years, the company's assets nearly doubled from about \$860 million in 2004 to approximately \$1.5 billion at the end of 2010. Bill's focused leadership will be missed; however, we are fortunate he will continue to serve on our Board of Directors."

A native of Jasper County, Mr. Gipson graduated from Missouri Southern State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Technology.

Mr. Gipson has also served on a number of boards and committees for non-profit organizations and economic development initiatives throughout the tri-state area.

He currently serves as campaign chair for the Joplin Regional Prosperity Initiative and is on the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry Board of Directors (MCCI). Mr. Gipson also serves as a board member of the Missouri Energy Development Association (MEDA) and the Edison Electric Institute. In addition, he is a member of the MSSU Robert W. Plaster School of Business Advisory Council, the MSSU Foundation Board and the Joplin Rotary Club. He is past chairman of MEDA, the MCCI and the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Gipson is married to Tracy - also a MSSU graduate. They have one daughter, Sarah.

Cooperative Graduate Programs

Missouri Southern State University/Southeast Missouri State University

Master of Science of Criminal Justice

Comer, Roilynn *

Criminal Justice

Jasper

Ferry, Brittany LeighAnne *

Criminal Justice

Pea Ridge, AR

Horton, Gary Scott ‡

Criminal Justice

Monett

McCully, Sara Jane *

Criminal Justice

Republic

Dotson, Shane J. * ‡

Criminal Justice

Baxter Springs, KS

Holman, Shana Christine *

Criminal Justice

Seneca

Kaiser, Randee M. ‡

Criminal Justice

Carthage

Miller, Brett Samuel *

Criminal Justice

Joplin

The first graduates of the cooperative graduate programs received diplomas at Missouri Southern State University during the spring 2006 ceremony. This milestone was possible when MSSU and Northwest Missouri State University collaborated to combine their resources and expand higher education opportunities in Southwest Missouri and the Four-States region.

In addition to Northwest, MSSU has since forged partnerships with Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University, University of Missouri – St. Louis and the University of Missouri- Kansas City to unite efforts to deliver the programs with traditional classroom teaching and state-of-the-art distance learning tools using faculty from each of the universities.

Effective August 2003, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation giving Missouri Southern State University the opportunity to offer joint graduate programs in cooperation with other public four-year institutions in the State of Missouri (RSMo 173.005).

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education oversees implementation of the cooperative programs to ensure the most efficient use of state resources and the highest quality of advanced educational opportunities.

During the ceremony, the presentation of the academic hood to master's degree recipients represents a compelling, highly symbolic moment in both the candidates' lives and in the commencement ceremony. The hooding ceremony for the cooperative graduate programs at MSSU signifies a scholarly and personal achievement. Colors of the hoods were carefully selected to represent both institutions and the corresponding fields of study.

The names of both universities appear on the graduates' diplomas. The significance and symbolism of academic regalia appear on page 15 of this program.

MSSU will continue to develop these and other programs in order to fulfill its mission and to meet the needs of the growing population and economy of the region.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Baldwin, Terri Susan
 Ball, Staci A. †
 Boll, Teresa Gwen
 Busch, Shyanna M.
 Choens, Jessica Lianne ‡
 Cole, Ranelle Kayleene
 Cornman, Suzanne E. ‡
 Dale, Susan A.
 Davis, Megan Jubilee †
 Depriest, Kristen N. *
 Dhans, Lauren ‡ †
 Eimer, Shannan Alyse
 Ferguson, Shana Lynn

Fine, Amy K. †
 Hagedorn, Sarah A.
 Heidlage, Kimberly A.
 Henkle, Danielle Marie †
 Hickman, Desirae C.
 Hicks, Nathaniel Alexander
 Holt, Melissa DeAnne †
 Hotchkiss, Kelsey Marie
 Judge, Amelia D. ‡
 Kline, Victoria Elise ‡
 Lennemann, Leo *
 Loden, Rachel S. *

Marak, Sarah Elizabeth
 Martin, Andrea Joelle Lou
 Maus, Julie Anna * ‡
 O'Donnell, Lydia Elaine ‡
 Outt, Susan Bryann ‡
 Payne, Joanna M.
 Pellegrino, Camille Ruth
 Quirin, Amber E. †
 Reed, Alexandra M. †
 Reid, Charity Jolynn †
 Riutta, Carita Sivi-Annikki
 Schmidt, Taylor Anne †

Schweitzer, Nicole Renee
 Seigel, Emily D.
 Shaddox, Michael Wade
 Stewart, Keysha Amber
 Swadley, Kristen Lynne ‡ †
 Swopes, Pauline F.
 Terry, Ashleigh M.
 Trout, Timothy Michael ‡
 Vonderahe, Emily Faith ‡
 Willis, Stephanie Lynn
 Wimberley, Maria Ann
 Wright, Elizabeth Leslie
 Zimmerling, Irene

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Adkins, Jordan L.
 Alumbaugh, Lauren Madison
 Burney, Emily Diane
 Clipp, Scott Curtis
 Ford, Kim
 Gardner, Sarah Maria
 Harrall, Katy Elaine *

Hayes, Amber Dawn *
 Hilburn, Amanda Jewel
 Kirkpatrick, Nyssa Rena
 Klugh, Joshua Lee †
 Kownslar, Karly Elizabeth †
 Lehman, Reece Henry
 Lewis, Sara LaVonne †

Linn, Christopher Ryan
 Long, Andrew
 Phillips, Sheena *
 Qualls, Mishay L.
 Robinson, Linsy Charlotte
 Roschevitz, Coty S.
 Tarrant, Ezekiel Parker

Tessman, Robert
 Thomas, Dylan Wade
 Webb, Cassie Jo *
 Weldon, Jennifer Marie
 Whitehead, Corey Mitchell
 Zimmerman, Kevin Matthew †

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Albright, Bethney Anne
 Block, Jody Lynn *
 Bowman, Leslie Christine
 Brady, Christina Samantha
 Burnett, Micaela *
 Clark, Coby Brendan
 Daus, Haley Nicole
 Gebelin, Miranda Michelle
 Gibbs, Bradley

Girard, Rachel Nicole *
 Hall, Eric Lee
 Hernandez, Tomas William
 Holcomb, Joshua Charles
 Kropf, Sarah Renee
 Ledbetter, Rebecca Ann
 Loucks, Tiffany Ann
 Marling, Lesley E.

Marrett, Zachary Lee
 Moore, Courtney M.
 Nummela, Aki Olavi
 Phipps, Diane K.
 Prough, Veronica Leigh
 Rice, Anita Catherine *
 Shanks, Kalie D.
 Sherwood, Krystal Marie

Solomon, Charles Andrew †
 Stanley, Michelle Lynn
 Taylor, Luke Matthew
 Vanvactor, Cody Ray
 Wagner, Taylor M.
 Wilson, Dana Anne *
 Wolven, Robin Nicole
 Zerkel, Oliver Kenneth

Associate Degrees

First Honors • Grade point average 3.90 or above

Willis, Stephanie Lynn

Second Honors • Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Burney, Emily Diane	Vance, Kaitlin E.
Clipp, Scott Curtis	Roschevitz, Coty S.

Third Honors • Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Anderson, Bradley William *
 Albright, Bethney Anne
 Brady, Christina Samantha

Flannigan, Erin Michelle	Holcomb, Joshua Charles
Girard, Rachel Nicole *	Marrett, Zachary Lee
Hall, Eric Lee	Morrison, Tara Nichole

Patterson, Jeremy William *	Sherwood, Krystal Marie
Smith, Cindy Marie	

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Adams, Jr., James Dale Art-Graphic Galena, KS	Glenn, Stephen N. * Spanish Joplin	Lankford, Christopher Allen History Carterville	Perkins, Carl Curtis Sociology Joplin
Andrews, Angel Lavette * Sociology Belton	Harris, Jill Elizabeth English- Literary Studies Lee's Summit	Ledbetter, Rebecca Ann Political Science Joplin	Peterson, Emily Escamilla * Spanish Joplin
Blacksher, Sarah J. History Springfield	Hartmann, Rebecca Ann Communication- Public Relations Webb City	LeGrand, Dominique Spanish, French Joplin	Piziali, Lakesha Nicole Sociology Seneca
Bottorff, Jared Michael English- Creative Writing Joplin	Hernandez, Christopher A. Spanish Joplin	LeMaster, Jessica Tace Art- Studio Joplin	Quirin, Amber E. † English- Creative Writing Parsons, KS
Buck, Shaun Corbin Communication- Mass Joplin	Hernandez, Tomas William Art-Graphic Willow Springs	Link, Rosita Renate Art- Studio Joplin	Rea, Galen Kendall Spanish Carthage
Byers, Natalie Jane English- Creative Writing, Professional/ Technical Writing Mt. Vernon	Hicks, Neil E. Art- Graphic Buffalo	Lipe, Aaron M. * Art- Studio Joplin	Salas, Ana K. Sociology Carthage
Campbell, Matthew Scott Theatre Princeton, WV	Hinkle, Zach Art- Graphic Joplin	Loden, Rachel S. * Music Saginaw	Schmidt, Taylor Anne † Spanish, International Studies Carl Junction
Crosswhite, Eric Mathew Communication- Mass Neosho	Hobbs, Joseph C. † Communication- Speech Joplin	McAlister, Nathan Lee Art- Studio Neosho	Smith, Charlene L. Music Carthage
Cruz, Alyssa Renee Spanish Joplin	Holt, Melissa DeAnne † Communication- Public Relations, Mass Webb City	Mejia, Art Communication- Mass, Spanish Joplin	Solomon, Charles Andrew † English- Creative Writing Joplin
Daus, Haley Nicole Spanish Joplin	Holz, Jonathan David History Joplin	Mullen, Melissa J. Theatre Webb City	Swopes, Pauline F. Music Miami, OK
Davis, Megan Jubilee † Spanish, International Studies Neosho	Jenkins, Tiara Noelle* Art- Studio Webb City	Mynatt, Martha Renee Theatre Rayville	Vu, Mary T. Spanish Joplin
Figueroa, Natasha Spanish Joplin	Kerr, Mary Katherine International Studies Springfield	Nordstrom, Jason S. * Communication- Speech Joplin	Walters, Peggy English- Literary Studies Opolis, KS
Forest, Renee E. Music Joplin	Klugh, Joshua Lee † English- Pre-Professional Physical/ Occupational Therapy Chanute, KS	Olsen, Hailey Beth English- Professional/Technical Writing Carthage	Walters, Scott Kemp * Communication- Mass Joplin
Givens, Adam David Political Science Carthage			Welters, Teresa Kaye Spanish Verona

Woodward, Holly Mari
English- Creative Writing
Joplin

Zerkel, Oliver Kenneth
Art- Graphic
Webb City

Zimmerling, Irene
German
Carthage

Zimmerman, Kevin Matthew †
French
Olathe, KS

Bachelor of Science

Anderson, Adam Ross
Biology
Joplin

Ball, Lloyd Garth
Sociology
Neosho

Batek, Josef
Biology, Biochemistry- Forensic Science
Columbia

Benkert, Brennan Christopher
Biochemistry
St. Clair

Bishop, David Joseph
Mathematics
Joplin

Black, Morgan Kathleen *
Communication- Public Relations
Neosho

Bouse, Mark Jason
Sociology
Joplin

Bulgurova, Olga Rubenovna †
Biology
Jefferson City

Carlton, Heather D.
Communication- Public Relations
Joplin

Choens, Jessica Lianne ‡
Biology
Joplin

Clymer, Nathan Robert Estell
Mathematics
Stella

Corcoran, Nicole Ann *
Communication- Mass
Joplin

Cox, Caleb Nikitus
Biology- Preprofessional Pharmacy
Joplin

Dennison, Timothy Jason
Sociology
Carthage

Evans, Mallory Jane
Sociology
Joplin

Feldmann, Jeanna Marie
Biochemistry, Biology- Forensic Science
Villa Ridge

Flanigan, Elizabeth
Communication-Public Relations
Carthage

Flynn, Jared A.
Biology
Neosho

Gardner, Sarah Maria
Biology
Noel

Gauss, Michael Joshua
Communication- Speech
Joplin

Gratton, Courtney Dawn
Biology- Preprofessional Pharmacy
Carterville

Haring, Meagan Lynn
Communication- Public Relations
Joplin

Harkins, Billy Dewayne
Environmental Health
Carl Junction

Harvey, Sarah Elizabeth
Biology
Webb City

Hawkins, Brandon Ray
Communication- Speech
Joplin

Heidlage, Kimberly A.
Environmental Health
Pierce City

Hensley, Beckie Sue
Sociology
Joplin

Hickman, Desirae C.
Biology- Preprofessional Pharmacy
Carl Junction

Hicks, Nathaniel Alexander
Political Science
Joplin

Houston, Steven W.
Environmental Health
Joplin

Jenks, Sharla Fay *
Sociology
Monett

Jones, Preston J.
Communication- Mass
Joplin

Kimmell, Pamela Ruth †
Biology- Preprofessional Physical/
Occupational Therapy
Nevada

Lawrence, Brooke Ann
Sociology
Joplin

Mabe, Tyler Jordan
Sociology
Joplin

Marak, Sarah Elizabeth
Biology-Preprofessional Veterinary
Neosho

Marling, Lesley E.
Sociology
Joplin

Miranda, Jennifer Lynn
Biology
Joplin

O'Donnell, Lydia Elaine ‡
Biology- Preprofessional Physical/
Occupational Therapy
Diamond

Patel, Bimal N.
Biology- Preprofessional Pharmacy
Joplin

Pellegrino, Camille Ruth
Biochemistry
St. Peters

Pence, Austin J.
Biology- Preprofessional Medicine
Joplin

Pierson, Kathryn Theresa
Biology, Biochemistry
Joplin

Pinta, Mark A.
Environmental Health
Joplin

Reid, Charity Jolynn †
Sociology
Purdy

Reynolds, Corey Steven
Communication- Mass
Neosho

Riggs, Courtney Elizabeth
Biology
Webb City

Robinson, Linda Radine
Sociology
Joplin

Robinson, Linsky Charlotte
Environmental Health
Joplin

Sample, Travis Jay
Biology
Joplin

Seeley, Steven D. <i>Biology</i> Asbury	Stephens, Bryce A. * <i>Biology</i> Cassville	Tessman, Robert Thomas <i>Biochemistry</i> Joplin	Walton, Heather R. <i>Biology- Preprofessional Pharmacy</i> Wyandotte, OK
Siegel, Emily D. <i>Communication- Mass</i> Neosho	Stetina, Terea Jeanette <i>Biology</i> Pineville	Thomas, William Douglas <i>Biology</i> Marshfield	Watson, Jon David <i>Chemistry</i> Joplin
Shore, Penny M. <i>Biology</i> Granby	Tarrant, Ezekiel Parker <i>Biology, Biochemistry</i> Joplin	Treadwell, Taquitta Chantal <i>Biology</i> St. Louis	Wright, Elizabeth Leslie <i>Communication- Mass</i> Carthage
Sisney, Dustin L. <i>Communication- Public Relations</i> Duenweg	Taylor, Luke Matthew <i>Communication- Mass</i> Anderson	Vanover, Bruce <i>Biology</i> Joplin	Young, La Cocoa C. * <i>Communication- Public Relations</i> St. Louis
Stebbins, Brennan D. <i>Communication- Mass</i> Carl Junction	Terry, Kristina Joshua <i>Biology</i> Carthage	VanVactor, Cody Ray <i>Biochemistry</i> Stanberry	Zimmerling, Irene <i>German</i> Carthage

School of Technology **Bachelor of Science**

Albright, Bethney Anne <i>Health Science</i> Springdale, AR	Bridgman, Zackray David <i>Nursing</i> Joplin	Collier, Corderia T. <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Opelika, AL	Del Rosario, Cymantha Renee <i>Health Science</i> Sweet Springs
Ambros, Joyce Ann <i>Nursing</i> Broken Arrow, OK	Brown, Tracy Darlene * <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Prairie Home	Conrad, Aubree Melissa <i>Nursing</i> Archie	Dhans, Lauren Elizabeth ‡† <i>Nursing</i> Spring Hill, FL
Anderson, Kellen R. <i>Nursing</i> Cedar Springs, MI	Bunning, Amy Michelle * <i>Health Science</i> O'Fallon	Cook, Ashley Nicole <i>Health Science</i> Bentonville, AR	Diggs, Pamela Sue <i>Nursing</i> Carthage
Beaver, Magen Colleen * <i>Health Science</i> Webb City	Burney, Emily Diane <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Ash Grove	Cornman, Suzanne E. ‡ <i>Health Science</i> Carl Junction	Dixon, Noah R. <i>CIS- Information Technology</i> Joplin
Belk, Cody Miles <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin	Carlson, Kayla Joyce <i>Medical Technology</i> Joplin	Courtney, Kristian Elaine <i>Nursing</i> Granby	Doak, Bethany Ann <i>Nursing</i> Joplin
Bennett, Tiffany Renee * <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Owasso, OK	Carrico, Tonna G. <i>Nursing</i> Carl Junction	Cox, Jennifer L. <i>CIS- Information Technology</i> Carthage	Dodson, Amber Renae <i>Nursing</i> Joplin
Blanchard, Cassandra Marie <i>Nursing</i> Lamar	Chrisenberry, Gwendolyn K. <i>Nursing</i> Joplin	Culver, Erica Lee <i>Nursing</i> Joplin	Donnelly, Ian K. <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Nixa
Brady, Christina Samantha <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin	Clipp, Scott Curtis <i>CIS- Computer Forensics</i> Waynesville	Cummins, James W. <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Pineville	Douthitt, Kirstie Lynn <i>Nursing</i> Joplin
Brewer, Clarence W. <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin	Cloud, Sarah Elizabeth <i>Health Science</i> Oronogo	Davis, Amanda Leann <i>Health Science</i> Grove, OK	

D'Reego, Charles William
Criminal Justice Administration, Juvenile Justice
West Bengal, Calcutta, India

Drescher, Dianna M.
Criminal Justice Administration
Grandview

Duffield, Lynn Halterman
Nursing
Joplin

Elsheimer, Rachel Nicole
Health Science
Coffeyville, KS

Ezell, Randy Dale
Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Ford, Kim
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Frailey, Cindy
Health Science
Sikeston

Franklin, Christina
Criminal Justice Administration
Carterville

Gentry, Constance Nicole
Health Science
Benton, AR

Gibbs, Bradley Columbus
Juvenile Justice
Rolla

Gilreath, Christy Allison
Nursing
Joplin

Girard, Rachel Nicole *
Health Science
Joplin

Good, Kimberly Ann
CIS- Information Technology
Lamar

Grundvig, Terra Ann
Criminal Justice Administration
Goodman

Hakala, Jr., Paul Joseph
Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Hale, Nicole L. *
Criminal Justice Administration, Juvenile Justice
Kansas City

Hall, Eric Lee
Criminal Justice Administration
Sarcoxie

Hamilton II, David C.
Health Science
Joplin

Harris, Danielle Shavon
Criminal Justice Administration
Leesburg, FL

Hasty, Scott Junior *
Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Heritage, Steven Shane *
CIS- Information Technology
Joplin

Holcomb, Joshua Charles
CIS- Computer Forensics, Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Hopkins, Tyler Lee *
Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Hosp, Sarah Elizabeth †
Nursing
Carl Junction

Huey, Lacy Dawn
Nursing
Carthage

Huffman, Joshua Brennan
Industrial Engineering Technology
Neosho

Hunt, Scott Alan
Criminal Justice Administration
Mt. Vernon

Johnson, Jonathan David
CIS- Information Technology
Webb City

King, Gena Kristine *
Criminal Justice Administration
Carl Junction

King, Gina L.
Health Science
Joplin

Kress, Meryl Janel
Criminal Justice Administration
Carl Junction

Labadie, Josh Ryan
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Lahm, Christiana Heather *
Health Science
Carl Junction

Landreth, William David
CIS- Computer Forensics, Criminal Justice Administration
Stark City

Larkin, Annette Renea
Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Lawson, Cheryl Lynn *
Criminal Justice Administration
Sheldon

Lawyer, Suzanna Jo
Health Science
Webb City

LeDoux, Alyssa Rachelle
Criminal Justice Administration
Billings

Lewis, Dondi Michelle
Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Lewis, Nicole Marie
Health Science
Rolla

LoNero, Tania Marie
Criminal Justice Administration
Lamar

Long, Andrew
Nursing
Carterville

Lovejoy, Jasmine Jay-na *
Criminal Justice Administration
Springfield

Lowe, Kristin W.
Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Magers, Ryan C. *
Criminal Justice Administration
Springfield

Maina, Grace Nyambura
Health Science
Joplin

Marbut, Shannon H.
CIS- Information Technology
Eagle Rock

Marrett, Zachary Lee
Criminal Justice Administration
Baxter Springs, KS

Mascaro, Rudy J.
Nursing
Liberty

Massey, Destiny Dawn
Criminal Justice Administration
O'Fallon

McAlexander, Bruce Kent
CIS- Information Technology
Monett

McConnell, Mallory Suzanne
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

McCullough, Damarko A.
Criminal Justice Administration
St. Louis

McFarland, Samantha Lynn
Nursing
Webb City

McGinnis, Jessica Nicole
Justice Studies
Galena, KS

McQuade, Shannon Nicole
Nursing
Webb City

Melot, Stephanie M.
Health Science
Granby

Mertens, Kathleen R.
Criminal Justice Administration
Carl Junction

Middick, Cori Alexandra
Criminal Justice Administration
Seneca

Mieswinkel, Kara Shaloy
Health Science
Neosho

Miller, Diana E. Health Science Joplin	Roehrs, Michelle D. Criminal Justice Administration Lamar	Stafford, Sherry Lynn Nursing Carl Junction	Waltbillig, Courtney Aleis Health Science Rogersville
Mollohan, Anetta Carol Health Science Bunnlevel, NC	Roper, Denise Christine Criminal Justice Administration O'Fallon	Stammer, Andrew Wayne Nursing Joplin	Walters, Brian S. Criminal Justice Administration Cedar Park, TX
Monroe, Andrea L. * Health Science Granby	Roschevitz, Coty S. CIS- Information Technology Rocky Comfort	Stanley, Michael Ray Criminal Justice Administration Purdy	Watson, Brooke McKenzie * Health Science Joplin
Monroe, Lindsay Lee CIS- Information Systems Carthage	Roy, Natalie Christine Nursing Carthage	Stinebrook, Douglas Dwayne Nursing Carthage	Watt, Lindsay Lee Criminal Justice Administration Springfield
Mooney, Chelsea Nicole Criminal Justice Administration Bixby, OK	Russell, Heather Evone Criminal Justice Administration Fort Scott, KS	Switzer, Shannon Mary Nursing Webb City	Weeks, Jillian Ranay Health Science Brownell, KS
Moua, Anna * Health Science Rogers, AR	Sams, Brook DeAnne * Criminal Justice Administration Springdale, AR	Swyers, Meagan Ann Criminal Justice Administration St. Peters	Wheeler, Ashley Nicole Nursing Carl Junction
Murphy, Lauren Elizabeth Jean Nursing Joplin	Sanders, Rachel Whitney * Criminal Justice Administration Stark City	Thexton, Richard Douglas Criminal Justice Administration Rogers, AR	Whitehead, Tabitha D. Criminal Justice Administration Joplin
Nance, Adan Elijah Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	Schmeling, Max A. CIS- Computational Math, Computational Math Joplin	Thomas, Dylan Wade Criminal Justice Administration, Justice Studies Bella Vista, AR	Wickstrom, Christopher James CIS- Information Technology Carthage
Nunley, Travis Chance * Criminal Justice Administration Neosho	Seifert, Nick N. Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	Thompson, Roland Francois Burrell Criminal Justice Administration New Orleans, LA	Williams, Bonnie S. Nursing Joplin
Orr, Savannah Lynn Health Science Carthage	Sexton, Jessie Lea Health Science West Plains	Turner, Andrew M. Criminal Justice Administration Carl Junction	Williams, Wanda K. Criminal Justice Administration Neosho
Osiier, Brian Edward Industrial Engineering Technology Jasper	Shanks, Kalie D. Nursing Smithville	Underdown, Ishmael J. Criminal Justice Administration Spencer, OK	Willis, Jennifer Lynn * Criminal Justice Administration Springfield
Otto, Tiffany L. Nursing Joplin	Sherwood, Krystal Marie Health Science St. Clair	Varner, Kady Lynn * Juvenile Justice, Criminal Justice Administration Washburn	Willis, Stephanie Lynn Criminal Justice Administration Oronogo
Piper, Jamie Lynn Health Science Joplin	Shores, Daniel Keith Criminal Justice Administration Diamond	Volkl, Jacob August Criminal Justice Administration Wentworth	Yang, Cheng * Computational Math, CIS- Computational Math Purdy
Pugh, Ashly Michelle Nursing Carthage	Smith, Andrea Diane Health Science Carthage	Vonderahe, Emily Faith ‡ Health Science Jefferson City	Young, Mariah S. Criminal Justice Administration Poplar Bluff
Reynolds, Jami Leigh Health Science Naylor	Spears, Austin G. Criminal Justice Administration Anderson	Wages, DiAnna E. Criminal Justice Administration Neosho	Younger, Jennifer O. * Health Science Weatherford, TX

Associate of Science

Adair, Larissa Ann <i>Dental Hygiene</i> Anderson	Burchett, Rebecca N. <i>Dental Hygiene</i> Marble Hill	Davis, Amanda Leann <i>Dental Hygiene</i> Grove, OK	Flannigan, Erin Michelle <i>Dental Hygiene</i> Miami, OK
Albright, Bethney Anne <i>Dental Hygiene</i> Springdale, AR	Burney, Emily Diane <i>Law Enforcement</i> Ash Grove	Davis, Brandon Everett * <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Joplin	Ford, Kim <i>Law Enforcement</i> Joplin
Anderson, Bradley William * <i>Radiologic Technology</i> Carthage	Busch, Danielle Benita * <i>Respiratory Therapy</i> Joplin	Davis, Danielle Amelia <i>Dental Hygiene</i> Rolla	Foster, Mika Marie <i>Dental Hygiene</i> Miami, OK
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ALMA MATER

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Our Al - ma Ma - - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.



Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

Academic Attire

*A*s early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of churchorders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown:	Fine Arts
Crimson:	Journalism
Dark Blue:	Philosophy
Golden Yellow:	Science
Lemon Yellow:	Library Science
Light Blue:	Education
Pink:	Music
Purple:	Law
Sage Green:	Physical Education
Scarlet:	Theology
White:	Arts, Letters, Humanities
Yellow Brown:	Commerce, Business, Accountancy

Points of Pride

Quality faculty and academic programs ...

Five members of Missouri Southern's Student Senate won the championship trophy in a Leadership Challenge this spring at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. The five were presented with a campus crisis scenario and were asked to respond by acting the parts of campus personnel members. Participating students included **Darrell Sour**, senior Marketing major, Joplin; **Samantha Quackenbush**, senior Psychology major, Salina, Kan.; **Johnathan Saunders**, junior Political Science major, Neosho; **Sheena Phillips**, senior Human Resource management major, Joplin; and **Kisa Clark**, senior Mass Communications major, Neosho.

Outstanding athletic programs ...

The Missouri Southern Athletics Department secured the Sonic Trophy for the second consecutive year. The Sonic Trophy Series is a cooperative effort between MSSU, Pittsburg State University (Kan.) and Sonic to honor the athletics department that performs the best throughout the year. One point is awarded in each of the 13 sports in which both departments compete.

MSSU men's basketball coach Robert Corn earned his third Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) Coach of the Year honor. He won his 350th career game in a win to end the regular season and led the Lions to their seventh 20-win season. Southern won the third most games in a regular season and advanced to the school's second NCAA postseason tournament. The Lions won the MIAA Regular Season Title and advanced to the round of 32 in the NCAA Tournament.

The Lions swept the MIAA post season awards as Skyler Bowlin, senior Secondary Education – Physical Education major from Paragould, Ark., was the unanimous MIAA Player of the Year, while also repeating as MIAA Defensive Player of the Year and Marquis Addison, freshman undeclared major from Olathe, Kan., was the league's Freshman of the Year. Bowlin was named to three-different All-American teams and was a finalist for the National Player of the Year. Bowlin later signed a contract with the BG Leitershofen/Stadtbergen Red Kangaroos, a professional basketball team in Augsburg, Germany.

Exceptional students ...

Darrell Sour, senior Marketing major from Joplin, received the annual "Outstanding Leader" Award at the 20th annual Glenn D. Dolence Leadership/Service Recognition Assembly. Sour currently serves as president of the Missouri Southern Student Senate. He is philanthropy chair of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, a values-based men's fraternity dedicated to fostering meaningful college experiences and the four pillars of fellowship, leadership, scholarship and service.

Alexandra "Alex" Reed, Neosho, has been named "Outstanding Graduate" by the Missouri Southern Alumni Association. Alex, a senior Elementary Education major, also has attained additional certification in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) - K-12. In addition to being an Honors Program student, she has been actively involved in Project S.P.E.A.K. (Speaking Proficiently Enables All Kids). She was named the Outstanding Officer of the Year for the State of Missouri by the Student-Missouri State Teacher's Association (S-MSTA).

Successful graduates ...

Betsy Banks Saul, '91, (Biology), co-founded the website petfinders.com that helps find homes for unwanted pets that end up in animal shelters or with breed rescue groups. Her efforts have been the focus of features on major news and entertainment programs, such as the *Today Show* and the *Ellen DeGeneres Show*.

Sharon Plummer, '76, (Biology), after earning her MBA from the University of Houston and retiring from an 18-year career with Exxon and Exxon Mobile, uses her artistic abilities to create mosaics, some of which were featured on an *Extreme Home Makeover* program.

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